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Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (Canceled)
- 2. (Currently Amended) A package comprising: An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 6, mountable to provide stiffening support to

one of a thin-core and coreless substrate of an integrated circuit printed circuit board (IC-PCB) carrier package; and

an Integrated Heat Spreader / Integrated Stiffener (IHS/IS) mounted to the substrate, the IHS/IS including a side wall portion to mount transverse to the substrate and a stiffener extension to extend from the side wall portion toward a center of the IHS/IS.

- 3. (Currently Amended) The package An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 2, the package being one of a pinned grid array (PGA), and a ball grid array (BGA) carrier package.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The package An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 2, the package being one of a flip chip pin grid array (FC-PGA), and a flip chip ball grid array (FC-BGA) carrier package.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The package An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 2 [[6]], the IHS/IS substantially made of a thermally conductive material in a form of one of a molded, stamped, etched, extruded and deposited IHS/IS, wherein the thermally conductive material withstands and is capable of withstanding temperatures of at least normal IC operation.
- 6. (Currently Amended) An Integrated Heat Spreader / Integrated Stiffener (IHS/IS) mountable to provide stiffening support to a substrate, the heat spreader/integrated stiffener including a side wall portion to mount transverse to the substrate and a stiffener extension to extend from the side wall portion toward a center of the heat spreader/integrated stiffener, The package as claimed in

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<u>claim 2, wherein</u> the stiffener extension <u>-comprising an integrated stiffener extension which</u> is substantially planar and mounted to a substantially planar die-side surface of the substrate.

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- 7. (Currently Amended) The package An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 2 [[6]], the IHS/IS having an internal cavity therein to provide clearance for at least one of a die, underfill, and die side component (DSC).
- 8. (Currently Amended) The package An IHS/IS as claimed in claim $\underline{2}$ [[6]], the IHS/IS having separate multiple attachment parts.
- 9. (Currently Amended) <u>The package An IHS/IS</u> as claimed in claim <u>2</u> [[6]], having a mountable above-substrate cavity-height which is one of equal to, and greater than, an above-substrate height, of a mounted IC-die.
- 10. (Currently Amended) An Integrated Heat Spreader / Integrated Stiffener (IHS/IS) mountable to provide stiffening support to one of a thin-core and coreless [[a]] substrate, the IHS/IS including a side wall portion to mount transverse to the substrate and a stiffener extension to extend from the side wall portion toward a center of the IHS/IS, the IHS/IS having a mountable bottom surface of the stiffener extension which is substantially co-planar with and mounted to a top die-side surface of the substrate.
- 11. (Currently Amended) The package An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 2 [[6]], the IHS/IS being mountable to support a heat sink.
- 12. (Currently Amended) <u>The package An IHS/IS</u> as claimed in claim <u>2</u> [[6]], the IHS/IS having an integrated cooling structure.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The package An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 2 [[6]], the IHS/IS being electrically connected to the substrate.

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14. (Currently Amended) The package An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 2 [[6]], the IHS/IS being

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electrically insulatable from the substrate.

15. (Withdrawn) An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 10, the integrated stiffener portion being an

edge/ring stiffener mountable to minor-planar side surfaces of the substrate.

16. (Withdrawn) An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 10, the integrated stiffener portion being an

edge/ring stiffener having a non-flat cross section mateable with side surfaces of the substrate.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) A carrier package as claimed in claim 22, the package being one

of a pinned grid array (PGA), and a ball grid array (BGA) carrier package.

20. (Previously Presented) A carrier package as claimed in claim 22, the package being one

of a flip chip pin grid array (FC-PGA), and a flip chip ball grid array (FC-BGA) carrier package.

21. (Currently Amended) A carrier package as claimed in claim 22, the IHS/IS substantially

made of a thermally conductive material in a form of one of a molded, stamped, etched, extruded

and deposited IHS/IS, wherein the thermally conductive material withstands and is capable of

withstanding temperatures of at least normal IC operation.

22. (Currently Amended) A carrier package comprising:

one of a thin-core and coreless substrate of an IC-PCB; and

an IHS/IS mounted to provide stiffening support to said substrate, the IHS/IS including a

side wall portion to mount transverse to the substrate and a stiffener extension to extend from the

side wall portion toward a center of the IHS/IS, the stiffener extension comprising an integrated

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stiffener extension which is substantially planar and mounted to a substantially planar die-side

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surface of the substrate.

23. (Previously Presented) A carrier package as claimed in claim 22, the IHS/IS having an

internal cavity therein to provide clearance for at least one of a die, underfill, and die side

component (DSC).

24. (Currently Amended) A carrier package as claimed in claim 22, the IHS/IS being [[is]]

attached as multiple parts.

25. (Previously Presented) A carrier package as claimed in claim 22, the IHS/IS having an

above-substrate cavity height which is one of equal to, and greater than, an above-substrate

plane-height of an IC-die.

26. (Previously Presented) A carrier package as claimed in claim 22, the IHS/IS having a

bottom surface which is substantially co-planar with a top surface of a combination of an IC-die

with interface material.

27. (Previously Presented) A carrier package as claimed in claim 22, the IHS/IS having a

support portion to support a heat sink.

28. (Previously Presented) A carrier package as claimed in claim 22, the IHS/IS having an

integrated cooling structure.

29. (Previously Presented) A carrier package as claimed in claim 22, the IHS/IS being

electrically connected to the substrate.

30. (Previously Presented) A carrier package as claimed in claim 22, the IHS/IS being

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31. (Withdrawn) A carrier package as claimed in claim 22, the IHS/IS having an edge/ring stiffener mounted to minor-planar side surfaces of the substrate.

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- 32. (Withdrawn) A carrier package as claimed in claim 22, the IHS/IS having an edge/ring stiffener having a non-flat cross section, mated with side surfaces of the substrate.
- 33. (Canceled)
- 34. (Canceled)
- 35. (Previously Presented) A packaged IC as claimed in claim 38, the carrier package being one of a pin grid array (PGA), and a ball grid array (FC-BGA) carrier package.
- 36. (Previously Presented) A packaged IC as claimed in claim 38, the carrier package being one of a flip chip pin grid array (FC-PGA), and a flip chip ball grid array (FC-BGA) carrier package.
- 37. (Currently Amended) A packaged IC as claimed in claim 38, where the IHS/IS is substantially made of a thermally conductive material in a form of one of a molded, stamped, etched, extruded and deposited IHS/IS, wherein the thermally conductive material withstands and is capable of withstanding temperatures of at least normal IC operation.
- 38. (Currently Amended) A packaged integrated circuit (IC) comprising:
 an IC-PCB carrier package including one of a thin-core and coreless substrate; and
 an IHS/IS mounted to provide stiffening support to said substrate, the IHS/IS including a
 side wall portion to mount transverse to the substrate and a stiffener extension to extend from the
 side wall portion toward a center of the IHS/IS, the stiffener extension comprising an integrated
 stiffener extension which is substantially planar and mounted to a substantially planar die-side
 major planar surface of the substrate.

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39. (Previously Presented) A packaged IC as claimed in claim 38, the IHS/IS having an internal cavity therein to provide clearance for at least one of a die, underfill, die-side component

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(DSC).

40. (Previously Presented) A packaged IC as claimed in claim 38, the IHS/IS having multiple

attached parts.

41. (Previously Presented) A packaged IC as claimed in claim 38, the IHS/IS having an

above-substrate cavity-height which is one of equal to, and greater than, an above-substrate

height of a mounted IC-die.

42. (Previously Presented) A packaged IC as claimed in claim 38, the IHS/IS having a

bottom surface which is substantially co-planar with a top surface of a combination of an IC-die

with interface material.

43. (Previously Presented) A packaged IC as claimed in claim 38, the IHS/IS having a

support portion to support a heat sink.

44. (Previously Presented) A packaged IC as claimed in claim 38, the IHS/IS having an

integrated cooling structure.

45. (Previously Presented) A packaged IC as claimed in claim 38, the IHS/IS being

electrically connected to the substrate.

46. (Previously Presented) A packaged IC as claimed in claim 38, the IHS/IS being

electrically insulated from the substrate.

47. (Withdrawn) A packaged IC as claimed in claim 38, the IHS/IS being an edge/ring

stiffener mounted to minor-planar side surfaces of the substrate.

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48. (Withdrawn) A packaged IC as claimed in claim 38, the IHS/IS being an edge/ring stiffener having a non-flat cross section mated with side surfaces of the substrate.

- 49. (Canceled)
- 50. (Canceled)
- 51. (Currently Amended) A heat spreader/stiffener device comprising a thermally conductive member having a side wall portion and a stiffener portion mountable to one of a thin-core and coreless substrate so as to increase a stiffness thereof, the stiffener portion to extend from the side wall portion toward a center of the heat spreader/stiffener device and having a stiffener extension bottom surface being substantially planar to facilitate mounting to a substantially planar die-side surface of the substrate, the heat spreader/stiffener device having a thermal path thermally connectable to the substrate.
- 52. (Previously Presented) A heat spreader/stiffener as claimed in claim 51, the heat spreader/stiffener having a hollow frame shape to allow clearance for other components on the substrate.
- 53. (Previously Presented) A heat spreader/stiffener as claimed in claim 51, the heat spreader/stiffener mountable to support a heat sink.
- 54. (Withdrawn) A heat spreader/stiffener as claimed in claim 51, the stiffener portion being an edge/ring stiffener extension mountable to minor planar side-surfaces of the substrate.
- 55. (Canceled)
- 56. (Previously Presented) An IC carrier package as claimed in claim 57, the carrier package being one of a pinned grid array (PGA) carrier package and a ball grid array (BGA) carrier package.

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57. (Currently Amended) An integrated circuit (IC) carrier package comprising:

an IC;

at least one of a thin-core and coreless substrate; and

a heat spreader/stiffener device with a thermally conductive member having a side wall

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portion and a stiffener portion mounted to the substrate [[so as]] to increase the substrate

stiffness, the stiffener portion to extend from the side wall portion toward a center of the heat

spreader/stiffener device, the heat spreader/stiffener device having a thermal path thermally

connected to the substrate, a stiffener extension bottom surface being substantially planar and

mounted to a substantially planar die-side surface of the substrate.

58. (Previously Presented) An IC carrier package as claimed in claim 57, the heat

spreader/stiffener device having a hollow frame shape to allow clearance for other components

on the substrate.

59. (Previously Presented) A carrier package as claimed in claim 57, the heat

spreader/stiffener having a portion to support a heat sink.

60. (Withdrawn) A carrier package as claimed in claim 57, the stiffener portion being an

edge/ring stiffener extension mounted to minor planar side-surfaces of the substrate.

61. (Canceled)

62. (Previously Presented) An electronic system as claimed in claim 66, the IC carrier

package being one of a pinned grid array (PGA) carrier package and a ball grid array (BGA)

carrier package.

63. (Currently Amended) The package An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 2 [[6]], the stiffener

extension extending from a lip of the substrate towards a center of the substrate.

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64. (Previously Presented) A carrier package as claimed in claim 22, the stiffener extension

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extending from a lip of the substrate towards a center of the substrate.

65. (Previously Presented) An electronic system as claimed in claim 66, the stiffener

extension extending from a lip of the substrate towards a center of the substrate.

66. (Previously Presented) An electronic system comprising:

an IC carrier package including an IC;

at least one of a thin-core and coreless substrate; and

a heat spreader/stiffener device with a thermally conductive member having a side wall

portion and stiffener portion mounted to the substrate so as to increase the substrate stiffness, the

stiffener portion to extend from said side wall portion toward a center of the heat

spreader/stiffener device and mounted to a substantially planar die-side surface of the substrate,

the heat spreader/stiffener device having a thermal path thermally connected to the substrate.

67. (Currently Amended) The package An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 2 [[6]], wherein the

die-side surface of the substrate is opposite a pin-side surface of the substrate.

68. (Currently Amended) The package An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 2 [[6]], wherein a

combination of an IC-die with interface material is mounted in between the top die-side surface

of the substrate and a main portion of the heat spreader/integrated stiffener.

69. (Currently Amended) The package An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 2 [[6]], wherein the

integrated stiffener extension has [[an]] a bottom surface that is substantially coplanar with and

mounted to the die-side surface of the substrate.

70. (Currently Amended) A package comprising:

A heat spreader/stiffener device capable of being mounted to

one of a thin-core and a coreless substrate; and

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<u>a heat spreader/stiffener device mounted to the one of the thin-core and the coreless</u> <u>substrate, the device comprising:</u>

a main portion extending along the substrate;

a first side wall portion coupled with the main portion and extending between the main portion and the substrate; and

a first stiffener portion mountable to the substrate so as to increase a stiffness thereof, the first stiffener portion extending from the first side wall portion toward a center of the heat spreader/stiffener device, the first stiffener portion having a stiffener extension bottom surface being substantially planar to facilitate mounting to a substantially planar die-side surface of the substrate.

71. (Currently Amended) The device package of claim 70 further comprising wherein the device includes:

a second side wall portion coupled with the main portion and extending between the main portion and the substrate, wherein the second side wall portion is on the opposite end of the main portion from the first side wall portion; and

a second stiffener portion mountable to the substrate [[so as]] to increase a stiffness thereof, the second stiffener portion extending from the second side wall portion toward the center of the heat spreader/stiffener device, the second stiffener portion having a stiffener extension bottom surface being substantially planar to facilitate mounting to the substantially planar die-side surface of the substrate.

- 72. (Withdrawn) The device package of claim 71 further comprising wherein the device includes third and fourth side wall portions coupled with respective third, and fourth stiffener portions.
- 73. (Withdrawn) The <u>device package</u> of claim 72 wherein the first, second, third, and fourth stiffener portions form a substantially rectangular window footprint.

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74. (Withdrawn) The <u>device package</u> of claim 72 wherein the first, second, third, and fourth stiffener portions form a rectangular window footprint with curved edges.

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- 75. (Withdrawn) The <u>device package</u> of claim 72 wherein the first, second, third, and fourth stiffener portions form four corner stiffening portions, each having a triangular footprint.
- 76. (Withdrawn) The <u>device package</u> of claim 70 wherein the first stiffener portion extends toward the center of the device, and extends away from the center of the device.